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**Sent:** Thur 5/11/2017 7:21:59 PM (UTC)

Subject: RE: WARS

Thank you!

From: O'Connor, Darcy

Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 12:50 PM

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Suzanne – I was able to verify that the vast majority of comments have been in opposition to the project. Please see my proposed change in red below.

Thanks!

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From: O'Connor, Darcy

Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 12:20 PM

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Subject: RE: WARS

Suzanne – here's what I have. I must admit that I've not heard from the team whether most of the comments were for or against the project, I'm basing the statement in the Hot Topic below on the news stories. I also included some of the news articles – it may not make sense to include them in what you send to HQ, but I thought you might like to see them.

Let me know if you have questions.

Thanks!

HIAHK

## Public Hearings on the Draft Underground Injection Control (UIC) Permits for the Dewey Burdock Uranium In-Situ Recovery (ISR) Project Continue the Week of May 8, 2017.

<u>Key Message</u>: Region 8 held public hearings in three locations in South Dakota the week of May 8th on the draft UIC permits and associated aquifer exemption for the Dewey Burdock ISR project located in Edgemont, SD.

- Hearings were held this week in the following locations:
  - May 8-9 in Rapid City, SD
  - o May 10 in Hot Springs, SD
  - o May 11 in Edgemont, SD
- A total of 300 people attending the hearings in Rapid City including several commenters who identified as tribal
  members. The Chairman of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe and the Chairman of the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe also
  commented on the record expressing their concerns with the project and with EPA's consultation on the proposed
  action.
- Small protests have occurred outside the locations prior to each hearing.
- In general, most The comments have been overwhelming in opposition of the project, but attendees have been civil and respectful.
- Press attended the hearings which resulted in several print, television and radio stories.

http://www.blackhillsfox.com/content/news/EPA-gets-feedback-from-Fall-River-on-Uranium-Mine-421935353.html http://www.keloland.com/news/article/news/public-hearing-held-by-epa-on-proposed-uranium-mining-project http://www.newscenter1.tv/story/35389263/opponents-of-uranium-mine-near-edgemont-fear-water-contamination http://www.kotatv.com/content/news/EPA-hears-from-scores-of-residents-opposed-to-uranium-mining-421681693.html http://www.blackhillsfox.com/content/news/EPA-holds-hearing-on-proposed-uranium-mine-and-waste-disposal-wells-421680693.html

http://listen.sdpb.org/post/epa-hearings-uranium-mining-take-place-black-hills

• The public comment period is set to end on May 19, 2017; however EPA received a request from the company to extend the public comment period until July 21, 2017. Region 8 will review the request and make a decision on extending the comment period next week once the team returns from South Dakota.

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Can you provide an update on Dewey hearings?

From: Lucero, Adele

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Please see attached WARS for the week ending 5/12/17.. No Hot Issues to report

Thanks Adele ©

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